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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The undersigned, Treasurer of the town of Mendon for the year ending March 4, 1889, respectfully submits the account of his doings.

He debits himself with the following assets, viz:—

Amount received of	
Treasurer for 1887,	\$1,152 61
City of Boston, pauper account,	24 00
State treasurer, corporation tax,	15 54
Edward L. Smith, for use of Town Hall,	71 25
G. B. Williams, for use of telephone,	22 45
John C. Wood, license for alley,	2 00
Austin A. Taft, on notes,	1,850 00
Austin Wood, auctioneer's license,	2 00
G. B. Williams, for circus license,	1 00
Dr. Russell, for rent of pond,	50 00
Town of Upton, for schooling,	64 00
Liberty Freeman, collector of taxes,	6,421 07
State treasurer,	1,196 92
County treasurer, dog fund,	159 19
S. Warren Cook, auctioneer's license,	2 00
Clark Ellis & Sons, discount on bills,	2 40
Judge Dewey, P. Moore, fine,	20 00
State treasurer, school fund,	283 70
Librarian, for catalogues,	35
Edward Dixon, three items,	16 02
	\$11,356 50

He credits himself with the following sums:—

Paid	
One hundred and fifty town orders,	\$7,164 17
Julius A. George, bond,	1,000 00
Julius A. George, interest on bond,	92 24
Ellen Quigley, interest on bond,	20 00
Austin A. Taft, notes,	1,850 00
Austin A. Taft, interest on notes,	33 44
State tax,	742 50
	\$10,902 35
Cash to balance,	454 15
	\$11,356 50
Bonds now outstanding,	\$1,500 00

AUSTIN A. TAFT, Treasurer.

Mendon, Feb. 19, 1889.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report of the expenditures of the town for the municipal year ending March 4, 1889.

### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

G. B. Williams, cash paid for use of telephone,	\$60 00
E. F. Wood, storage of fire extinguisher to Dec. 12, '87,	7 00
C. A. Barker, " " to May 12, '88,	5 00
" " " to Nov. 12, 88,	6 00
A. M. Seagrave, damage on Uxbridge road, March 12,	11 50
Clark Ellis & Sons, lamp for library,	4 50
Reuben Hill, killing and burying dog,	1 00
A. G. Chilson, setting glass, Record building,	1 50
C. A. Dewey, costs of fire inquest, S. G. Wilcox buildings,	34 64
C. A. Barker, services at fire of " "	2 00
Clark Ellis & Sons, stove, pipe, and labor, for Record room,	11 80
L. A. Cook, coal, fire extinguisher,	15 00
Clark Ellis & Sons, stove for fire extinguisher,	10 55
J. C. Wood, cash paid for wrench and whiffletree,	1 75
Dr. J. Wilmarth, reporting two births,	50
W. A. Gaskill, services and cash paid in looking up glandered horse,	3 00
Wm. B. Butman, damage on Dam Swamp road,	450 00
E. L. Smith, services July 4, 1888,	2 00
E. L. Smith, services at fire inquest,	5 18
E. H. Taft, wood for Record rooms,	5 50
A. W. Gaskill, wood for Record rooms, and cash paid,	6 50
L. Freeman, burying horse,	75
David Adams, cash paid for express and sundries,	3 75
H. C. Adams, sealing and repairing hay scales,	1 50
Gilbert Gaskill, services July 4, 1888,	2 00
G. B. Williams, cash paid for sundries,	1 90
Austin A. Taft, " "	1 00
	\$655 82



## CARE AND REPAIRS OF TOWN HALL AND SUN- DRIES.

E. L. Smith, care of hall to April 1, 1888,	45 00
"    cash paid for sundries,	17 23
Clark Ellis & Sons, hardware, etc.,	22 79
I. O. Rhodes, sundries,	2 08
Weed Brothers & Lent, carpenter work,	232 62
Eldredge & Beatty, paper,	8 24
Avery & Woodbury, paper,	11 70
L. L. Wheelock, mason work,	5 55
A. G. Chilson, repairing and painting settees,	30 85
"    painting tables,	9 08
"    labor and paint stock,	59 70
A. W. Gaskill, labor and cash paid,	9 61
Avery & Woodbury, chairs,	7 00
Reuben Hill, repairs of tables,	3 20
L. A. Merritt,    "	10 75
Field Brothers, lumber for tables,	3 09
Clark Ellis & Sons, stove, pipe and labor,	48 10
L. A. Cook, coal,	32 23
	<hr/> \$558 82

## SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

C. D. Albro, superintendent of schools, 1887-8, balance,	25 00
"    "    "    1888-9 in part, 2	
bills,	45 00
Gilbert Gaskill, lockup keeper to April 1, 1888,	5 00
A. W. Gaskill, assessing taxes of 1888,	43 00
James Quigley,    "    "	40 00
W. S. Wilcox,    "    "	35 00
E. L. Smith, services as constable to March 4, 1889,	15 00
David Adams, services as town clerk and registrar,	19 45
Liberty Freeman, services as collector for 1887,	65 00
"    "    selectman, 1888-9,	20 00
A. W. Gaskill,    "    "    "	20 00
G. B. Williams,    "    "    "	50 90
Austin A. Taft,    "    treasurer,    "	35 00
	<hr/> \$418 35

## PRINTING.

G. M. Billings, town reports, 1888,	\$45 00
Cook & Sons, reward notices and postal cards,	8 75
"    tax collector's bills and receipts,	4 50
	<hr/> \$58 25

## MILITARY AID UNDER CHAP. 252, ACTS OF 1879.

John Oakford,	\$43 27
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MILITARY AID PAID PENSIONERS, ETC., UNDER  
CHAP. 301, ACTS OF 1879.

John Curley,	72 00
James McKenna,	50 00
Rufus Hazard,	48 00
Olive E. Pickering,	48 00
Abel G. Weatherhead,	70 00
Catharine Foley,	32 00
David A. Kingman,	48 00
Waterman Taft,	25 00
George W. Scisco,	32 00
Caleb V. Smith,	8 00
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	\$433 00

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid School Committee, 9 orders,	\$2,420 00
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## REPAIRS OF ROADS.

Paid Road Commissioners, 10 orders,	\$1,337 53
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## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Overseers of Poor, 10 orders,	\$1,100 00
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## THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Trustees, 3 orders,	\$139 13
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## RECAPITULATION.

Incidentals,	\$ 655 82
Town Hall repairs and supplies,	558 82
Town officers,	418 35
State aid, Chap. 301,	433 00
State aid, Chap. 252,	43 27
Printing,	58 25
Support of schools,	2,420 00
Roads,	1,337 53
Poor,	1,100 00
Library,	139 13
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	\$7,164 17

The Selectmen also report that the liabilities of the town known to them are as follows:—

Due on bills against the town, estimated,	\$ 60 00	
Due town officers, estimated,	100 00	
Due school teachers, estimated,	174 00	
Due on town bonds,	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,834 00

The available assets, so far as known are as follows:—

Due from collector, list of 1888,	\$ 86 28	
Due from State, aid to soldiers, etc., Chap. 301, to Jan. 1, 1889,	416 00	
Due from State, aid to soldiers, etc., Chap. 252, to Jan. 1, 1889,	15 63	
Due from Wm. H. Aldrich, use of hay scales,	26 19	
Cash in hands of treasurer,	454 15	
	<hr/>	\$998 25

Net indebtedness of town, \$835 75

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. WILLIAMS,	}	Selectmen of Mendon.
A. W. GASKILL,		
L. FREEMAN,		

Mendon, Feb. 19, 1889.

#### TOWN GRANTS, 1888.

Schools,	\$1,500 00
School books and supplies,	200 00
Poor,	800 00
Roads,	1,200 00
Debt,	1,000 00
Interest,	100 00
Library,	150 00
Incidentals,	300 00
Hall repairs,	300 00
Guide-boards,	50 00
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	\$5,600 00



## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

### LIBERTY FREEMAN, COLLECTOR FOR 1887.

Dr.

Balance uncollected, Feb. 18, 1888,	\$78 02
Interest received,	12 34
	<hr/> \$90 36

Cr.

By cash paid treasurer,	\$84 82
Abatements,	5 54
	<hr/> \$90 36

### LIBERTY FREEMAN, COLLECTOR FOR 1888.

Dr.

Taxes committed for collection,	\$6,832 31
Additional assessments,	27 59
Interest received,	40 52
	<hr/> \$6,900 42

Cr.

By cash paid treasurer,	\$6,336 25
Paid county tax,	441 00
Abatements,	36 89
	<hr/> \$6,814 14
Balance uncollected, Feb. 18, 1889,	<hr/> \$86 28

## REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The undersigned Road Commissioners respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March 4, 1889:—

The Commissioners charge themselves with the following sums:—

Cash in hands of Commissioners, March 6, 1888,	\$ 3 84
Cash on town orders,	1,337 53
	<hr/> \$1,341 37

They credit themselves by paying the following bills:—

E. T. Bates, labor and cash paid out, 2 bills,	\$263 40
A. E. Brown, " " 2 bills,	316 18
L. P. Cummings, labor, 2 bills,	74 70
P. A. Wheeler, " 2 bills,	75 45
E. E. Gassett, " 2 bills,	46 50
J. Broughey, " "	7 95
P. Morris, " "	2 40
S. H. Taft, labor and cash paid out,	17 04
S. B. Taft, labor, 2 bills,	101 32
H. M. Goldthwait, 2 bills,	42 90
F. H. Wood, labor and cash paid out, 2 bills,	115 40
R. Hazard, labor, 2 bills,	18 52
P. Mares, " 2 bills,	18 14
F. Gunn, " "	6 90
A. Southwick, labor,	4 61
S. Gunn, " "	2 85
N. Warner, " "	2 70
C. A. Holt, " "	2 40
S. E. Everton, " "	75
Cash paid S. B. Taft, for plank,	11 42
Snow bills,	158 99
Cash paid for repairs of guide boards,	57 05
	<hr/> \$1,347 57
Due Commissioners,	\$6 20

SAMUEL H. TAFT, ALONZO E. BROWN, ELIAS T. BATES,	}	Road Commissioners of Mendon.
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## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

The Overseers of Poor submit the following report for the municipal year ending March 4, 1889:—

John W. Barry, Mary Kirby, Mary C. Taft, Edna Allen, Janie Briggs, Jennie Davenport, Francis R. Scisco, the children of Peter E. Moore, Cora M. Gould and six children, George H. Wood, Geneva Martin (having a settlement in Mendon), Catherine P. Fostream and three children (having a settlement in Boston), Joseph H. Wood and wife (belonging to Uxbridge), Jesse Conant and wife (to Blackstone), and the child of Thomas Whalen (settlement undecided), have been wholly or partially supported.

The Overseers charge themselves with the receipt of the following named funds belonging to the town:—

Balance from last year,	\$	91	
Ten town orders,		1,100	00
City of Boston,		107	05
Town of Uxbridge,		31	00
Town of Blackstone,		5	00
		—————	\$1,243 96

The Overseers credit themselves with paying the following amounts:—

### FOR SUPPORT OF

John W. Barry,	\$169	92
Mary Kirby,	139	80
Mary C. Taft,	84	00
Edna Allen,	103	00
Janie Briggs,	104	53
Jennie Davenport,	81	00
Francis R. Scisco,	32	50
Peter E. Moore's three children,	128	47
Cora M. Gould and family,	112	00
George H. Wood,	42	00
Geneva Martin,	10	00
Catherine P. Fostream and family,	123	05
Joseph H. Wood and wife,	26	00
Jesse Conant and wife,	5	00
Gilbert Gaskill, care of 98 tramps, at 15 cts.,	14	70
“ straw for tramp house,	1	00
Lewis E. Wood, wood for tramp house,	2	50
L. Freeman, postage stamps,	1	18

L. Freeman, services as Overseer of Poor,	33 00	
Gilbert Gaskill, " "	6 00	
Edward Dixon, " "	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,225 65
Balance in hands of Overseers,		\$18 31
From the whole amount paid for support of poor,		\$1,225 65
Deduct what was due for the support of the		
paupers to March 5, 1888,	\$42 03	
Amount received from District Court at		
Milford, in Peter E. Moore's case,	20 00	
Amount paid out for Uxbridge,	26 00	
" " Blackstone,	5 00	
" " Boston,	123 05	
	<hr/>	\$216 08
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		\$1,009 57
Add what will be due for support of paupers		
to March 4, 1889,		\$90 38
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Cost of supporting the poor for the year		
ending March 4, 1889,		\$1,099 95

Respectfully submitted,

LIBERTY FREEMAN,	}	Overseers of Poor.
GILBERT GASKILL,		
EDWARD DIXON,		

Mendon, Feb. 18, 1889.



## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, Road Commissioners, School Committee, and Collector of Taxes, of the Town of Mendon, and that of the Treasurer of the Taft Public Library, for the past municipal year, and find them correctly kept, and with proper vouchers.

JULIUS A. GEORGE, Auditor.

Mendon, Feb. 22, 1889.

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

### TOWN OF MENDON TO DAVID ADAMS, DR.

To express paid on Mass. Reports and other public documents during the year,	\$3 10
To postage paid on elections, registration and other returns during the year,	40
To cash for stationery,	25
	——— \$3 75
To services as Clerk of the Board of Registrars,	\$4 00
"    state election and Clerk's meeting,	
(two days),	4 00
To recording, indexing and returning 16 births,	8 00
"                    "                    "    7 marriages,	1 05
"                    "                    "    12 deaths,	2 40
	——— \$19 45
	\$23 20
Received for dog licenses during 1888:—	
Male dogs, 93,	\$186 00
Female dogs, 7,	35 00
	——— \$221 00
Less Clerk's fees,	20 00
	—————
Balance paid County Treasurer,	\$201 00

### BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1888.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
June 25, 1887,	Rosa Elizabeth Snow,	Irwin A. and Charlotte A. Snow.
July 16, 1888,	Mabel Dudley Snow,	Irwin A. and Charlotte A. Snow.
Jan. 16,	" Eugene Elliot Barrows,	Frank E. and Ellen E. Barrows.
30,	" Roy Alfred Barrows,	Alfred I. and Lizzie A. Barrows.
Feb. 28,	" Mary Rose Beaudry,	James and Emeline Beaudry.
Mar. 1,	" Alice Byrne,	John and Alice Byrne.
26,	" Hazel Stewart Whitney,	Arthur N. and Ada L. Whitney.
April 2,	" Alice Freeman,	Alanson and Eldora Freeman.
July 16,	" Mary Wilefred Harrington,	Michael and Mary J. Harrington.
Aug. 2,	" Walter Francis Beal,	Rufus G. and Emma Beal.
20,	" Nancy Amanda Taft,	Leonard E. and Susan M. Taft.
31,	" Flossie Martin,	Ruel K. and Ella Martin.
Sept. 2,	" Tenie Gaskill,	Jesse and Hannorah Gaskill.
22,	" Amos Barker,	Cyrus A. and Mary W. Barker.
Oct. 8,	" Peter Marshal Bates,	Erwin A. and Jennie Bates.
Nov. 8,	" Robert Best,	James R. and Ellen Best.

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1888.

DATE.	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
Feb. 4, 1888,	George L. Taft,	Mendon.
	Annie Woodward,	Hubbardston.
Feb. 22, "	Charles Austin Wilbur,	Hopedale.
	Abbie Louisa Staples,	Mendon.
Mar. 17, "	George Scriven,	Mendon.
	Margaret Ann Coombs,	Lawrence.
May 15, "	Samuel Gammell,	Mendon.
	Mary Anderson,	Pontiac, R. I.
July 15, "	Silas Armsby Dudley,	Mendon.
	Ella F. Prentice,	Milford.
Sept. 27, "	Ellis W. Thayer,	Blackstone.
	Mary E. Taft,	Mendon.
Nov. 27, "	Roswell Henry Tucker,	Narragansett Pier, R. I.
	Mary Moore Hastings Cunnabell,	Mendon.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1888.

DATE.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.			RESIDENCE.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	
Jan 10, 1888,	Martha W. Taft,	90	3	25	Mendon.
Feb. 11, "	Amy Jane Jennison,	47	11	2	"
22, "	Elkanah Snow,	73		10	"
Mar. 12, "	Laban Bates,	21	11	19	"
May 2, "	Celicia Penniman,	76	6		"
7, "	Alice Esty,	75	8		"
June 5, "	Edith L. Colburn,		5		"
Sept. 18, "	Edwin T. Weatherhead,	30	11	24	"
24, "	Amos Barker,			2	"
Oct. 19, "	Joanna W. Taft,	56	9	13	"
Nov. 7, "	Willie C. Eldridge,	21	6	16	"
Dec. 8, "	Stillborn,				"

DAVID ADAMS, Town Clerk.

Mendon, February 18, 1889.

# TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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## EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

It is a source of gratification to the Trustees to report that, notwithstanding a decrease in the population of the town during the past year, the circulation of the books of the Library has increased in that time; and it is especially gratifying that the teachers in our schools and the scholars of the High school have made more use of the Library than formerly. It may not be generally known to the citizens, but greater privileges in the use of books are, under certain restrictions, allowed to teachers in our schools, who wish for books for use in connection with school work, than to other citizens, and the Trustees hope that all teachers in town will avail themselves of these privileges. The Board is disposed to grant any reasonable use of the books for educational work, for while all will gain pleasure and profit from the use of the Library, it is reasonable to expect its greatest usefulness from the sources of information which the books on its shelves will furnish in addition to the text-books and teaching of our schools.

As will be seen by the Librarian's report, the number of books has nearly doubled since the Library was first opened: for the last two years we have been cramped for shelf-room, and the time seems to have arrived when it is imperative that more room for the books be furnished. If an arrangement could be made to give the whole of the Record building to the use of the Library, it would, with a small outlay to fit it for the purpose, furnish all the room the Library would probably require for the next 15 years.

The increased number of books almost compels us to re-catalogue them, which should be done in a broader way than in the present catalogue, in two lines at least; by authors and by titles, as is done in most other Libraries.

The books were examined February 6, current, and found all accounted for and in satisfactory condition. The Library was re-opened February 9.

The Trustees extend the thanks of the citizens to all who have donated books, magazines, or pamphlets to the Library during the past year, and to the Librarian for the faithful and satisfactory discharge of her duties for that time.

The Trustees recommend an appropriation of two hundred



and twenty-five dollars for the use of the Library the ensuing year.

JULIUS A. GEORGE,  
HORACE C. ADAMS,  
GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS,  
Trustees Taft Public Library.

### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY:—

The eighth annual report of the state of the Library is hereby respectfully submitted for your consideration.

The Library opened for the delivery of books Feb. 11, 1888. The circulation for the year was 4,226—23 more than last year. The Library now contains 2,591 volumes, of which 99 have been added the past year. Of the latter, 78 were purchased and 21 donated. The books donated came from the following sources: Hon. Henry B. Pierce, secretary of the commonwealth, 7; Rev. Chas. J. Staples, 7; Hon. Daniel B. Pond, 2; Wm. J. Murphy, Esq., 2; Department of Interior, 2; E. A. Moseley, 1. Harper's Magazine for 1886-87 and American Agriculturist for two years were given by J. A. George, and have since been bound in six volumes. Several pamphlets were also received.

The circulation was as follows: Agriculture, 53; Biography, 92; History, 253; Travel, 202; Educational, 61; Poetry, 57; Miscellaneous, 123; Novels, 3,082; Periodicals, 303.

Largest weekly circulation, 106; smallest weekly circulation, 60; average weekly circulation, 83.

Received from fines and cards \$10.34. More use has been made of the Library this year by members of the High school than in former years. According to the seventh rule, all books were returned for the annual examination on the first Saturday of February.

MARY E. DUDLEY,  
Librarian.

Mendon, February 6, 1889.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Taft Public Library, for the year ending Feb. 6, 1889:—

DR.

To balance from old account,	\$ 4 70
Cash received on three orders of Selectmen,	139 13
“ on books returned to Clarke & Carruth,	1 75
“ Mary E. Dudley, for cards, fines, etc.,	10 34
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	\$155 92

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Cash paid Clarke & Carruth, books,	\$69 68
“ Adams, Putnam & Co., books,	6 50
“ G. B. Williams, books,	9 15
“ G. M. Billings, printing,	6 00
“ J. S. Wesby & Sons, binding,	10 25
“ Mary E. Dudley, expressage, etc.,	4 34
“ Mary E. Dudley, services as Librarian,	50 00
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	\$155 92

: Respectfully submitted,

HORACE C. ADAMS, Treasurer.

Mendon, Feb. 16, 1889.

Examined, found correct, and with proper vouchers.

G. B. WILLIAMS, for Auditors.

REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
AND  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
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TOWN OF MENDON,  
FOR THE  
SCHOOL YEAR 1888-9.

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## Names and Residences of Teachers

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Employed in the Public Schools of Mendon for the School Year ending March 1, 1889 :—

Mr. Wendel Williams,	Mendon.
Mr. James Nichols,	Blackstone.
Miss Louise M. Goodrich,	Stockbridge.
Miss Cora E. Gaskill,	Mendon.
Miss H. Josie Davis,	Blackstone.
Mrs. Mary A. Barrows,	Mendon.
Miss Annie W. Gaskill,	Mendon.
Miss Mariette A. Hamant,	Medfield.
Miss Mary L. Aldrich,	Mendon.
Miss Ada C. Taft,	Mendon.
Miss Mary E. Dudley,	Mendon.

### LIST OF TEXT-BOOKS IN USE.

Arithmetic—White's. Algebra—Greenleaf's. Civil Government—Townsend's. Drawing—Eclectic. Dictionary—Webster's, Worcester's. English Literature—Swinton's. Geography—Harper's. Grammar—Harvey's. Geometry—Wentworth's. History—Stone's, Scott's. Latin—Harkness's. Physics—Norton's. Physical Geography—Warren's. Physiology—Brown's, Barnes's, Eclectic. Penmanship—Eclectic. Rhetoric—Kellogg's. Reader—Franklin. Speller—Eclectic.



## SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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To the Citizens of the Town of Mendon :—

The following report of the school committee is respectfully submitted: The committee held their first meeting March 31, 1888, and organized by the choice of Frank H. Wood, chairman, and Edward Dixon, secretary and treasurer. To Mr. Wood was given the care of the West and Albeeville schools; J. G. Barrows, the South school; Frederick Bates, the East school; Edward Dixon, the North and the Centre schools. The North schoolhouse has been painted inside and out and a few needed repairs made. The old stove and stove-pipe being in an unsafe condition to use, a new coal stove and new stove-pipe were bought. The total expense was about \$100. At the Centre the ceilings of both rooms were painted, and the desks varnished. A new coal stove was put into each room. The total expense here was about \$100. For the East school a new out-building has been built,—a much needed improvement.

Edward Dixon was appointed school-book agent. The cost of text-books and supplies for the year is \$139.26. An appropriation of \$150 for the year ensuing will be sufficient.

Dr. C. D. Albro was elected superintendent of schools at a salary of \$75. This sum is not enough for the position. No man can afford to superintend our schools for that money unless his strong interest for their welfare is reckoned as his chief recompense. And it is sincerely hoped that if the town insists upon the school committee electing a superintendent, it will provide a larger salary.

The school year has been thirty weeks. This seems short enough, but as the tendency of teachers' wages is upward, the appropriation for schools should be increased, or else the school year must be shortened to twenty-eight, or possibly twenty-six weeks. We have been enabled to continue the schools for thirty weeks only because of the increased amounts received this year from the state school-fund and the dog tax, added to the sixty-four dollars received from Upton. If the town wishes for thirty weeks schooling, the appropriation for schools should be increased to sixteen hundred dollars. There has been no school in the West district this year. The scholars were transported to Albeeville at a cost of \$140 for the year. Edward H. Taft, Gilbert Gaskill, J. G. Barrows and Henry G. Bates were appointed truant officers for the year. No report has been received from any of them, so it is assumed their services have not been required.

As usual, the committee were obliged to engage a new

teacher for the High school, the former principal, Mr. Hill Williams, having engaged in another business, so his services could not be secured. The committee consider themselves again fortunate in having secured the services of Mr. Wendel Williams, a graduate of Dartmouth college. Much to the regret of the committee, Mr. Nichols, at the end of the spring term, resigned his position of principal of the Grammar school, to accept a more lucrative engagement nearer home. Miss Goodrich of Stockbridge, Mass., a graduate of Westfield Normal school, was engaged for the position. Miss Annie W. Gaskill, Miss Mary L. Aldrich and Miss Josie Davis resigned at the end of the spring term, and their places were filled by Miss Marietta Hamant of Medfield, Mass., Miss Ada C. Taft, and Mrs. Barrows.

During most of the High school year Miss Goodrich assisted Mr. Williams one hour a day. To continue this work for the remainder of the year your committee engaged Miss Annie Gaskill. The assistance has seemed almost imperative, because the number of classes in our High school is too large for one teacher to instruct to good advantage. The one-session plan which worked admirably last year is used again this year with like good results.

Mr. Edward Dixon having declined to serve as treasurer of the committee again unless paid something for his services, they voted to pay him the sum of ten dollars to do the business. The following is the financial account for the year:—

Dr.		
To nine town orders,	\$2,420 00	
Cash in Home National Bank,	112 36	
	<hr/>	\$2,532 36
Cr.		
Hill Williams (old bill),	\$120 00	
Josie Davis, “	36 00	
Eva Rich, “	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$180 00
Wendel Williams,	\$270 00	
James Nichols,	95 00	
Louise M. Goodrich,	160 00	
Mary E. Dudley,	213 50	
Mary L. Aldrich,	70 00	
Ada C. Taft,	140 00	
Josie Davis,	60 00	
Mary A. Barrows,	70 00	
Cora E. Gaskill,	210 00	
Annie W. Gaskill,	80 00	
Marietta Hamant,	140 00	
Liberty Freeman, for carrying scholars,	40 00	
Edward L. Southwick, for carrying scholars,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,648 50

W. W. Nelson, fuel, care of room and cash paid (old bill),	\$8 00	
W. E. Dixon, care of fires (old bill),	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$10 50
W. W. Nelson, fuel, cash paid and care of room,	\$26 25	
Austin A. Taft, three cords wood,	12 88	
A. T. Dixon, sawing three cords wood,	4 50	
Ann Quigley, cleaning schoolhouse (No. 2),	3 00	
W. E. Dixon, care of rooms and fire,	8 00	
Field Bros., coal,	37 50	
J. G. Barrows, fuel,	9 25	
Frederick Bates, fuel and care of fire,	16 72	
Frank H. Wood, fuel,	10 37	
Marietta Hamant, care of fire,	3 00	
Mary A. Barrows, "	2 00	
Mary L. Aldrich, "	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$134 47
George S. Perry, Arithmetical chart,	\$6 75	
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., two wall maps,	5 00	
" " " Physiological chart,	5 00	
Boston School Supply Co., reading chart,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$21 75

## INCIDENTALS.

H. A. Aldrich, postage,	\$ 3 00	
W. W. Nelson, repairs, supplies and cash paid,	7 64	
E. L. Smith, repairs and supplies,	5 10	
F. Bates, repairs and supplies,	24 23	
J. G. Barrows, repairs and supplies,	2 94	
H. W. Brown, repairs,	1 50	
John Barry, repairs,	73	
E. L. Smith, use of well (2 years),	14 00	
Charles H. Albee, use of well (2 years),	6 00	
Bufford Sons, diplomas for High school,	8 00	
George S. Perry, supplies,	18 91	
Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies,	34 49	
Boston School Supply Co., supplies,	6 43	
Avery & Woodbury, supplies,	2 55	
I. O. Rhodes, supplies,	2 35	
W. E. Dixon, labor,	3 50	
A. G. Chilson, labor (No. 2),	16 00	
A. G. Chilson, labor (No. 1),	54 49	
C. H. Allen, labor,	4 00	
E. Dixon, cash paid,	1 75	
A. P. Scribner, express,	8 70	
E. Dixon, school book agent,	30 00	
E. Dixon, fare to Boston (twice),	4 00	
W. E. Dixon, census,	1 50	
Clark Ellis & Sons, 3 stoves,	108 00	
	<hr/>	\$369 81



Text-books and supplies purchased,	\$162 31	
Cash paid town treasurer,	5 02	
	<hr/>	\$167 33

### RECAPITULATION.

Teachers' wages,	\$1,828 50	
Fuel and care of fires,	144 97	
Apparatus from school fund,	21 75	
Incidentals,	369 81	
Text-books and supplies,	162 31	
Amount paid town treasurer,	5 02	
	<hr/>	\$2,532 36

EDWARD DIXON, Treasurer.

### SCHOOL BOOK AGENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MENDON:—

Gentlemen: The following is the school book account for the year:—

#### DR.

To books and supplies purchased from the following:—

Geo. S. Perry, supplies,	\$27 74
D. Appleton & Co., books,	19 34
Harrison Hume, “	2 10
Harper Bros., “	47 52
Warren P. Adams, “	10 01
William Ware & Co., “	6 67
Ginn & Co., “	2 50
A. S. Barnes & Co., “	3 50
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., books and supplies,	24 37
Boston School Supply Co., supplies,	18 56

	\$162 31	
To books and supplies on hand,	5 26	
	<hr/>	\$167 57

#### CR.

By books and supplies furnished:—

High school,	\$40 43
Grammar school,	21 32
Primary school,	26 48
North school,	20 12
South school,	10 54
East school,	12 75
Albeeville school,	11 62
Books and supplies on hand,	24 31

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\$167 57



## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES ON HAND.

9 doz. Harper's spelling blanks,	\$ 36	\$3 24
11 " " copy books,	81	8 91
1 " " primary books,	60	60
5 " Eclectic drawing books,	1 00	5 00
4 " " " " "	1 46	5 84
4 bottles Perry's ink,	18	72
		<hr/> \$24 31

EDWARD DIXON, Agent.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## RESOURCES.

Town appropriation,	\$1,500 00
Income from state school fund,	283 70
Income from dog tax,	150 19
Received from out-of-town scholars,	64 00
Balance in treasury, last report,	3 09
	<hr/> \$2,009 98

## EXPENDED.

Teachers' wages, fuel and care of rooms,	\$1,793 47
Teachers' wages unpaid,	174 00
Apparatus from state school fund,	21 75
Balance in treasury,	20 76
	<hr/> \$2,009 98

FRANK H. WOOD,  
EDWARD DIXON,  
FREDERICK BATES,  
J. G. BARROWS,

School Committee.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

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Your Superintendent begs leave to submit his second annual report of the public schools to the citizens of Mendon:—

The schools were in a condition at the beginning of this year to accomplish more and do better work than they were able to do the previous year. One thing which is so detrimental to the steady progress of our schools, namely, the too frequent change of teachers, was necessary in only two instances at the beginning of the year, hence making but little break in the continued work of the schools. In one case the teacher decided not to teach; in ~~the~~ other it was thought that it might be well to make a change in teachers.

The West school has been closed during the year, and the scholars transported to the Albeeville school, with a little less than two-thirds the expense which would have been required to have maintained a school there, and with much better results, it being a stimulus to the pupils for greater effort to and more energy in their work, and a greater degree of encouragement to the teacher in *her* work.

The resignation of several teachers at the close of the spring term caused quite a change in the fall arrangement, but these changes, fortunately, in the majority of cases, caused but little break in the school work, so that in most of the schools, there has been quite steady progress throughout the year.

In most of the schools, the copy-books have been very neatly kept, and many cases of marked improvement have been noted. In two or three schools letter-writing has been encouraged, and practised to some extent, which has developed better ideas of composition—a practice which would be of advantage in every school. It is to be regretted that so many boys and girls leave our common schools, who have not the faintest idea of good letter-writing and correct composition. Who is at fault in this matter? We dare not say. But we often think that if our teachers would—(we were about to say throw away the grammar text-book, but we will say do away with it) bring it into gradual disuse, at least as far as a rigid following of its text is concerned, and adopt the teaching of letter-writing as a branch, and largely as a substitute, and which is a combination of writing, reading, spelling, punctuation, composition, and what we generally term grammar, (but which we think

would be better termed language-work and language-construction, or language-building,) and make themselves a text-book for the children to follow and study, they would accomplish a better and more thorough work, in all these combined branches. There would be a system here, which we think our teachers would not have to labor so hard to follow, as many of them now do to follow the text-books. And we are quite confident that we should send forth better writers, better readers, and better spellers, and we verily believe more and much better grammarians than we are now doing from the majority of our public schools.

Reading has received more attention as a general thing, and we are glad to see that some of our teachers, at least, have been teaching reading, and as a result, in some cases we have noticed quite a marked improvement in this direction. There is one mistake which too often occurs, which very much hinders good progress in reading, which cripples the teacher's efforts, and which should be remedied; and that is that the child is so often reading, or trying to read, from a book which is beyond his years, and very far beyond his comprehension and ability to cope, either with the words or the subject therein contained. This fault does not rest with the child alone, always; for while the boy or girl is often very anxious to get into a higher reader, parents are sometimes quite desirous of the same thing, regardless of their child's ability; and even teachers have been known to evince not a little pride and undue haste in advancing their pupils to a higher reader, without counting the cost of such a change; and those who have listened to the reading of such, have not dared to attempt to tell how badly the king's English was murdered.

We are gratified to see that the calling of the attention of the teachers to the morals of the children about the school premises during intermission, has not been altogether in vain. Teachers have responded very readily to this request, and there has been quite an improvement in this matter. Teachers can not have too careful oversight of their pupils during the intermission.

While the much desired change for the High school has not been effected, repairs and changes have been made which have much improved the appearance, condition and surroundings of the room in which the school meets. Another stove has been provided, making it now very comfortable. Repairs have also been made in the lower part of the building, and new stoves furnished for each of the lower rooms, thereby making them much more comfortable. If some better means of ventilation, which is very much needed, could be devised for this building, it would greatly add to the comfort and health of both pupils and teachers. Ventilation is one of the most difficult problems which we have to grapple with, and one of the greatest defects in connection with our school buildings.

Whenever an evening entertainment was to be held in the



hall, the lower schools have been very greatly disturbed and annoyed in their work, (so much so at times, as to be obliged to discontinue a portion of their work,) by the preparation of the hall above during school hours, which has occurred quite often during the winter term. It is hoped that hereafter such preparations will be postponed until after school hours, so that no interruption shall occur in the school work.

### TEACHERS.

Two male and nine female teachers have been employed during the year. Of this number seven were residents of the town, two from Blackstone, one from Medfield, and one from Stockbridge. All but four of these had had an experience in teaching of from five to twelve years; one had never taught, and the other three had had but very little experience in teaching. In three of the schools there has been no change of teachers during the year; in each of the others the teacher resigned after the close of the spring term, thereby making a change necessary. They have seemed to be interested in the work and in the majority of cases they have conscientiously and faithfully performed their duties. Good discipline has been lacking in a few instances, which has been very much regretted; for where there is lax discipline, there is not only a lack of interest and want of progress, but also a very demoralizing tendency. The ability to govern is one of the first and one of the most important requisites for a teacher to possess, and no teacher, however well qualified, however cultured, and with however good a tact for imparting knowledge, but who is not at least, a fair disciplinarian, can ever expect to meet with good success as a teacher. One is a graduate of Dartmouth College, three have attended Normal school some, and one is a graduate of Westfield Normal school.

### PUPILS.

One hundred and seventy-two pupils have attended school during the year; twenty-two were over fifteen and one under five years of age; eight less having attended than the previous year. The attendance has not been quite as good as last year, in some schools, but about the same on the average. There has been more tardiness than last year,—in some schools much more. It would seem that with due care on the part of the parents, a lack of punctuality, and not entering the school at the beginning of the term might be obviated, and thereby work a much needed change in the schools.

### VISITS.

We would still urge upon the parents the importance and necessity of visiting the schools. It is a matter to be very much regretted, that the parents feel that they have no time to devote



to their children in the school-room. We should be very glad if, by any means, we could impress upon the minds of the parents, a full sense of this their very essential, but much neglected duty, which they owe to themselves, to their children, and to the teachers in whose care the children are placed; to know how and what their children are taught, and what progress they are making; to encourage them in their studies, and to cheer the teachers and stimulate them to put forth their best efforts in their noble work.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

MR. WENDEL WILLIAMS, TEACHER.

This school being in session, a full report can not be given in connection with it at this time. A class of fifteen entered in the fall, making the school much fuller than last year. There were thirty-one in the fall term and thirty-four in the winter term. A slight change was made in the course of study, but not so much of a change as was hoped might be made. Mr. Williams is a graduate of Dartmouth College, but had had no experience in teaching. The school having been large and composed of unequal grades, it has demanded much patience and a great deal of hard work. The teacher has labored faithfully, and has accomplished a good work, especially in connection with the entering class. There has been great improvement by this class both in recitation and reading. A greater freedom of expression; proper elevation of the voice; more distinct utterance, and a clearer and more forcible expression of the thoughts uttered. Good discipline has been maintained in the school, pupils and teacher have worked harmoniously together, and good work has been accomplished.

The character of this school should be such that the pupils should govern themselves in such a way as to require but little discipline from the teacher. They should take pride in and have respect enough for themselves and for their teacher, to discipline themselves to refrain from whispering and all other unnecessary communication, and from the many minor things which so often creep in which serve to disturb a school, and which are a source of so great annoyance, weariness and irritation to the teacher, and which detract so much from the order and character which a school should maintain.

The first graduating exercises which have ever been held since the school was established nearly twenty years ago, were held at the close of last year, when a class of two graduated. The class being small and it being the first exercise of the kind ever held, it was somewhat difficult to arrange the exercises so as to make the occasion what it should be and not detract from the credit of the class; but the members of another class so willingly and kindly contributed to their assistance, that as it was the first occasion, and taking into consideration the difficulties which we

had to contend with, and which must be overcome in order to make it a success, it passed off very pleasantly and creditably to all interested in it. At the close of this year there will be a class of eleven to graduate, and at that time we anticipate the pleasure of being able to invite you to attend a very pleasant and profitable occasion.

The attendance has been quite good and there has been but very little tardiness. As a general thing the pupils have manifested a good degree of interest, and some of the higher classes especially rank well in scholarship. Since the Grammar school closed three classes have recited to Miss Annie W. Gaskill in the lower room.

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM.—MR. JAMES NICHOLS, TEACHER.

Mr. Nichols came from Blackstone, and has taught this school faithfully for four successive terms. His method of teaching being somewhat novel, it created quite a little enthusiasm and stimulus among the pupils. The incentive to work was not quite as strong during this term, yet a good work was done and good discipline maintained. He resigned after the close of the term to accept a position nearer home.

FALL AND WINTER TERMS—MISS LOUISE M. GOODRICH,  
TEACHER.

Miss Goodrich came from Stockbridge, and is a graduate of the Stockbridge High school and of the Westfield Normal school. She had had some experience as a substitute teacher and as assistant in a Grammar school. She has introduced some Normal ideas and her methods of teaching have been very good; and had she maintained more strict discipline, she would have accomplished much better work than it has been possible for her to with her discipline. She has manifested a good degree of interest, which has enabled her to accomplish quite a good work, in spite of difficulties; and with little closer attention to discipline, we bespeak for her good success as a teacher.

A better regularity of attendance of some pupils would add much to the school. Many tardy marks stand out boldly upon the register. After the commencement of the High school, Miss Goodrich assisted the High school teacher in his work, and relieving him of a part of the burden by having two classes recite to her in the lower room. This arrangement, which worked quite well for the High school, if not quite as well for the Grammar school, as it necessitated a change of time either in the commencement or closing of the sessions of the Grammar school, and of the time spent in the Grammar school sessions.



## EAST SCHOOL.

MISS CORA E. GASKILL, TEACHER.

Miss Gaskill had previously taught in the town and has had some twelve years' experience in teaching, having taught also in Bellingham and Uxbridge. She was educated in the schools of Mendon. She has taught during the year in this school, giving good satisfaction. Her discipline has been good and she has worked faithfully and well for the interests of her school. A greater effort seems to be required to accomplish a given amount of work in this school than in some others, hence the results may not always be so apparent at first sight. The pupils have gained confidence in themselves and their examinations have shown very good progress in some branches. There has been much tardiness in this school, which seems altogether unnecessary.

Their copy-books have been neatly kept, and there has been quite an improvement in reading. A new out-building has been constructed, which was much needed.

## SOUTH SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM.—MISS H. JOSIE DAVIS, TEACHER.

Miss Davis taught a few weeks in the town last year, to finish the winter term of the West school, so that she came to this school with but little experience, but lacking in interest, energy and ability to govern, she did not meet with the best of success.

FALL AND WINTER TERMS.—MRS. MARY A. BARROWS, TEACHER.

Mrs. Barrows was engaged for the fall term in place of Miss Davis, she having previously taught here some two years; and good order was again restored, with the usual success in teaching. The letter writing which was practised last year has resulted this year in producing some very good composition work. There is but little tardiness in this school, the attendance is generally good, the copy-books show neatness and care, and some taste is manifested in drawing.

## ALBEEVILLE.

SPRING TERM.—MISS ANNIE W. GASKILL, TEACHER.

Miss Gaskill taught the spring term with her usual success. The West school was closed and the pupils transported to this school, making quite an increase in number and interest by this combination, working more advantageously for the pupils of both schools, as well as for the teacher.

FALL AND WINTER TERMS.—MISS MARIETTE A. HAMANT,  
TEACHER.

At the close of the spring term Miss Gaskill declined to hold the position any longer, and Miss Mariette Hamant of Medfield was engaged to take the school, and has taught it the remainder of the year. Miss Hamant is a graduate of the Medfield High school, and has attended the Framingham Normal school. She had had only a few weeks' experience in teaching before taking charge of this school, but she has proved herself well qualified for the position. She has been quite systematic in her work, and conscientious and faithful in the discharge of her duties. Good attention has been paid to reading and to many minor points which are so often neglected by teachers, either from oversight, or from press of work and time but which are so important in the improvement, the general make-up and effect of a school.

The discipline which has been effected, apparently with but very little effort on the part of the teacher to govern the school, has been very good. The examinations showed thoroughness in their work. Free gymnastics have been practised during the last term, and the pupils gave a very fine exercise in them the last day of school.

NORTH SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM.—MISS MARY L. ALDRICH, TEACHER.

Miss Aldrich has taught this school nearly two years, and met with her usual success here. She had attended Normal school and introduced some Normal ideas which worked very favorably.

FALL AND WINTER TERMS.—MISS ADA C. TAFT, TEACHER.

Miss Aldrich resigned at the close of the spring term and Miss Taft was engaged for the fall and has taught the winter term here also, with very good success. She is a good disciplinarian and manifests much energy and interest and is thorough in her work, training her pupils to habits of self-reasoning and careful thought.

A new stove has been procured for this school, making the room much more comfortable; new shades have been furnished and some repairs inside, which gives the room a neater and pleasanter appearance; the house has also been painted outside.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS MARY E. DUDLEY, TEACHER.

This school has not been quite so large as formerly. A class of ten from this school entered the Grammar school in the



spring, and not many new ones entering, has reduced the number somewhat from last year. Miss Dudley has taught this school the past seven years, with a marked degree of fidelity and very successfully. A teacher who has the happy faculty of attracting her pupils, especially the little ones, to her, of keeping them ever interested, ever alert and always busy, has within herself the vantage-ground of success. Although the school has not been quite as full, there has been a great deal of very trying and arduous work to perform, and the school is yet too full for a teacher to be able to accomplish the best results. The majority of the pupils have been bright and active, and some of them have manifested a keen appetite for knowledge and a great interest in all branches of their work; and by faithful and persistent efforts a very good work has been accomplished. The pupils have been trained to habits of neatness, accuracy, order and care-taking in their work. Many of their copy-books and drawing-books show neatness and painstaking. Their proficiency in reading is such that some very good examples might be furnished for imitation to some readers whom we have heard in the higher walks of life.

It is often said that the primary school is the lowest of all, and that almost any person can teach in such a school; but while it is the lowest in grade, we wish to emphasize the idea as strongly as possible, that perhaps there is no position more responsible, more important, or more noble, nor one where one's greatest and best efforts should be put forth, or where character, refinement and culture are more necessary, than that which the primary teacher occupies.

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## ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of pupils neither absent nor tardy:—

### HIGH SCHOOL.

FALL TERM.—Edwin M. Aldrich, Freeman C. Lowell, Frederick H. Metcalf, Bertha F. Albee, Annie B. Aldrich, Grace Darling, Abigail Taft.

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM.—Morton A. Holbrook, Harry Dixon, H. Fred Crawford, Walter F. Towne, Floyd E. Darling, Clarence A. Taft, Bertram A. Albro, F. Mason Kinsley, Arthur V. Pond, Lena Wheeler, Gertrude Nutter, Clarence H. Moores, Nettie E. Nutter.

FALL TERM.—Florence E. Snow, Walter F. Towne, Floyd E. Darling.

WINTER TERM.—Clarence A. Taft, Arthur V. Pond, Walter F. Towne, Bertram A. Albro.

TWO TERMS.—Floyd E. Darling, Clarence A. Taft, Bertram A. Albro, Arthur V. Pond.

TWO YEARS.—Walter F. Towne.

#### EAST SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM.—John D. Bates, C. Norman Cook, Charles Cook, Geo. A. Rockwood, A. Waldo Rockwood, Willie A. Rockwood.

FALL TERM.—A. Waldo Rockwood, Willie A. Rockwood.

WINTER TERM.—Bertha L. Sprague.

TWO TERMS.—A. Waldo Rockwood, Willie A. Rockwood.

#### SOUTH SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM.—Grace G. Cook, Ida M. Barrows, Charles C. Daniels.

FALL TERM.—Jessie E. Cook, Grace G. Cook, Florence M. Barrows, John Daniels.

WINTER TERM.—Jessie E. Cook, Grace G. Cook, John Daniels, Leon D. Moore.

TWO TERMS.—Jessie E. Cook, John Daniels.

TWO YEARS.—Grace G. Cook.

#### ALBEEVILLE SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM.—Hattie F. Albee, Estine Taft, Mary E. Wood, Wm. L. Aldrich, Michael Broughey, Wm. Broughey, Clair W. Freeman, Waldo M. Thayer, Samuel W. Wood.

FALL TERM.—Hattie F. Albee, Dora Freeman, Theresa Moore, Estine Taft, Mary L. Wood, Wm. L. Aldrich, Wm. Broughey, Clair W. Freeman, Frank Moore, James Moore.

WINTER TERM.—Estine Taft, Mary L. Wood, Wm. L. Aldrich, Clair W. Freeman.

TWO TERMS.—Hattie F. Albee, Wm. Broughey.

ONE YEAR.—Mary L. Wood, Wm. L. Aldrich, Clair W. Freeman.

FOUR TERMS.—Estine Taft.

#### NORTH SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM.—Sarah Byrne, Mary Byrne, Edith Bennett, Florence Bennett, Carrie Beal, Mary E. Foley, Alice Quigley, Rosa Quigley, Arthur Beal, Dwight A. Davenport, Ora Davenport, Frederick Davenport, Ernest Davenport, Otis Daffon, Willie Mahaney.

FALL TERM.—Otis Daffon, John Grady, Ora Davenport, Ernest Davenport, Dwight A. Davenport, Willie Mahaney.

WINTER TERM.—Ora Davenport, Frederick Davenport, Ernest Davenport, Otis Daffon, John Grady, Willie Mahaney, Richard Odum, Edward Powers, James Quigley.

TWO TERMS.—Dwight A. Davenport, Frederick Davenport, John Grady.

ONE YEAR.—Otis Daffon.

FOUR TERMS.—Ora Davenport, Ernest Davenport.

FIVE TERMS.—Willie Mahaney.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM.—Minnie C. Allen, M. Eldora Barrows, Joanna D. Kinsley, A. Geraldine Taft, M. Iola Wheeler, Mabel L. Wheeler, Jessie F. Wheeler, Oliver G. Moores, Nathan F. Towne, Cora J. Barrows, Maggie L. Crawford, Sabry N. Moores, Minnie L. Wood, Wm. Crawford, Jerry Driscoll, Wm. Driscoll, Paul V. Wheeler, Norman E. Wheeler.

FALL TERM.—Minnie C. Allen, Sabry N. Moores, Jessie Rhodes, Sarah L. Staples, Minnie L. Wood, Edward L. Cook, Jerry Driscoll, Wm. Driscoll, Oliver G. Moores, Nathan F. Towne.

WINTER TERM.—Minnie C. Allen, Bessie F. Cook, Joanna D. Kinsley, Clara W. Pond, Minnie L. Wood, Wm. Driscoll, Nathan F. Towne.

TWO TERMS.—Sabry N. Moores, Jerry Driscoll, Oliver G. Moores, Joanna D. Kinsley.

ONE YEAR.—Minnie C. Allen, Minnie L. Wood, Wm. Driscoll.

TWO YEARS.—Nathan F. Towne.

Clarence A. Taft and Bertram A. Albro have each missed only one day during the year; Arthur V. Pond has missed only one half day. Floyd E. Darling has missed only one and a half days in three years; and Hattie F. Albee and Jessie E. Cook each one day in three years. Hattie F. Albee's was lost by entering the second day of the winter term.

It is with pleasure that we can present you with so favorable a condition of our schools at this time; and we would express our hearty thanks to all who have aided us.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. ALBRO, M. D.,

Superintendent of Schools.



SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Terms.	Number months school.	Number scholars.	Average membership.	Percent attendance.	Percent attendance for the year.	No. Tardy Marks.	Number scholars not absent or tardy.	Number over 15 years.	Number between 8 and 14 years.	Number visits to school.	Wages of teachers per month.	Amount of wages.
HIGH.	Wendel Williams.....	1	3	31	26.4	85	86	8	7	20	4	23	\$60	\$ 360.00
	.....	*2	3	34	28	87		14	8	20	4	20	60	
GRAMMAR.	James Nichols.....	1	2½	29	25	86		5	0	3	22	73	38	95.00
	Louise M. Goodrich.....	2	2½	20	18.3	91		32	3	0	19	27	32	
	“.....	3	2½	20	17.1	86	88	6	4	0	19	20	32	160.00
EAST.	Cora E. Gaskill... ..	1	2½	16	15.5	96		24	6	0	12	18	28	
	“.....	2	2½	16	14.4	90		17	2	0	12	12	28	
	“.....	3	2½	17	14.1	83	90	32	1	2	12	27	2	210.00
SOUTH.	H. Josie Davis .. ..	1	2½	9	8.3	93		0	2	0	5	10	24	60.00
	Mary A. Barrows.....	2	2½	12	10.5	88		0	4	0	7	9	28	
	“.....	3	2½	9	7.8	87	89	2	4	0	7	6	28	140.00
ALBEEVILLE.	Annie W Gaskill.....	1	2½	21	16.9	81		9	9	0	15	8	28	70.00
	Marietta A. Hamant. . .	2	2½	25	17.9	72		0	10	0	16	11	28	
	“.....	3	2½	22	15.8	72	75	31	4	0	16	14	28	140.00
NORTH.	Mary L. Aldrich.....	1	2½	26	22.7	88		4	15	0	19	12	28	70.00
	Ada C. Taft.....	2	2½	56	20.9	80		6	6	3	16	19	28	
	“.....	3	2½	21	19.9	91	86	3	9	3	12	27	28	140.00
PRIMARY.	Mary E. Dudley.....	1	2½	34	31.3	92		37	18	0	14	12	28	
	“.....	2	3	35	30.8	88		12	9	0	16	20	28	
	“.....	3	1½	33	25.6	77	86	7	7	0	17	17	30	213.50

\* On winter term of High school the result is estimated.



## TOWN WARRANT.

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WORCESTER SS.—To the Constable of the Town of Mendon,  
in the County of Worcester, GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Mendon, on Monday, the fourth day of March, next, punctually at ten o'clock, A. M., to act on the following articles viz. :—

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees, and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Article 4. To raise such sums of money as are necessary to defray town charges, and make appropriations of the same.

Article 5. To determine the manner of repairing the roads and bridges in said town the year ensuing.

Article 6. To see if the town will require the School Committee annually to appoint a Superintendent of Schools, or leave such appointment to their discretion, or otherwise act on the appointment of such Superintendent.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors reported by the Selectmen, or make any alterations in the same.

Article 8. To see what measures, if any, the town will adopt to secure the speedy collection of taxes.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to continue the High School.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money to pay current expenses for the municipal year commencing March 4th, 1889, in anticipation of the collection of the taxes.

Article 11. To see what action the town will take as to its indebtedness on bonds outstanding.

Article 12. To bring in their ballots "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Article 13. To see if the town will continue communication

by telephone with Milford, as security against destruction by fire, or act in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see what amount of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for conveying pupils to and from the public schools, the same to be expended by the school committee in their discretion.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to unite with one or more of the surrounding towns for the purpose of employing a Superintendent of Schools in accordance with Chap. 431 of the Acts and Resolves of 1888, and act in any way in relation to the same.

Article 16. To see what action, if any, the town will take regulating or forbidding the use of the Centre schoolrooms, otherwise than for schools.

Article 17. To see if the town will revoke its acceptance of Chap. 158, Statutes of 1871, and abolish its board of Road Commissioners.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to repay Elma M. Pond taxes of 1887 and 1888, alleged to have been illegally assessed.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to purchase the small brick building on Main street, belonging to Wm. H. Aldrich, or otherwise act in relation to such purchase.

Article 20. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to take means to ventilate the Town Hall, the schoolrooms in the Centre Village, the basement of the Town Hall, or either of them, or act in any manner relating thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said town; seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, viz: At the post-office, and on the door of the schoolhouse in Albeeville, and at the post-office at South Milford.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS,	} Selectmen of Mendon.
ALBERT W. GASKILL,	
LIBERTY FREEMAN,	

A true copy. Attest:

Constable of Mendon.



